

REMARKS

Applicants hereby offer preliminary amendments to the present application to place the application in better form for allowance.

Applicants have canceled Claims 1-5 in favor of replacement Claims 6-9. New base Claim 6 specifies compositions in which the fungicidal active compounds do not include, *inter alia*, compounds within the allowed claims of their grandparent application now issued as U.S. Patent 6,436,976 and the allowed parent application Serial No. 09/701,958. Claim 6 is fully supported within the specification, for example, at pages 2-22. Claims 7-9 are also fully supported in the specification.

Applicants have amended the specification to change the title to correspond to the English version of the title appearing on the International Application, to capitalize all letters in the title, and to insert a statement of priority. Applicants submit that these amendments serve only to clarify their application and do not alter the scope of their disclosure.

Applicants have also amended pages 4 and 7, as well as the corresponding parts of Claim 6, to correct inadvertent and obvious typographical errors in the definitions of certain fungicidal active compounds. More specifically, the nonexistent groups R⁴, R⁵, and R⁶ shown for compound (II-6) at the top of page 4 (i.e., hexaconazole) have been replaced at page 4, as well as in Claim 6, with the correct terms R¹, R², and R³, which correspond to the groups shown in formula (II). Similarly, formula (VII) has been corrected at page 7, as well as in Claim 6, to show an "X" in the heterocyclic ring. This correction is consistent with the definitions of X for tridemorph, aldimorph, fenpropimorph, and fenpropidin. Applicants respectfully submit that these amendments are clerical in nature and have no effect on the scope of their disclosure.

Applicants have amended the Abstract to change the title for the reasons discussed above and to change the heading to a more customary form. A copy of the new Abstract is separately attached.

In view of the preceding amendments and remarks, allowance of the claims is respectfully requested.

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